

U.S. Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Reclamation  
Yuma Area Office

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Finding of No Significant Impact  
Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District  
Water Delivery Contract Amendment

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and based on the following, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) has determined that implementation of the Proposed Action (Preferred Alternative) to increase the Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District's (District) water allocation for domestic use while remaining within the District's annual Colorado River water entitlement of 278,000 acre-feet of consumptive use would not result in significant impact on the quality of the human and natural or cultural environment.

Reclamation proposes to amend the water delivery contract to authorize delivery of 12,000 acre-feet per year for domestic use. This amendment will increase the current annual allocation of 5,000 acre-feet by converting 7,000 acre-feet of irrigation water. The purpose for the Proposed Action is to provide an adequate supply of water for current and future municipal and industrial development within the District boundaries. Current domestic water allocations need to be augmented due to increased development within the District boundaries.

Based on analysis of the environmental impacts Reclamation has concluded that implementation of the Proposed Action will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment or the natural or cultural resources of the area.

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